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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Dear Mr Buxton,

I am writing regarding your request for information, which I received on the 18<sup>th</sup> of April.

For background information: Migration Yorkshire is the Yorkshire and Humber regional migration partnership and is hosted by Leeds City Council. Migration Yorkshire works with national, regional and local partners to ensure that the region can deal with, and benefit from, migration. It is funded by a variety of external sources, including UKBA, local authorities in Yorkshire & the Humber region, and various EU funding streams.

Our comments in relation to your request are as follows:

**1. What was the cost of Councillor Roger Stone's air travel and accommodation costs? Please supply an itemised breakdown, including any drinks, meals, supplementary etc**

**Air travel - £178.66**

Easyjet – Manchester airport to Sofia return (12/03/12 and 15/03/12) - £126.56

Bulgaria air – Sofia to Varna return (12/03/12 and 14/03/12) - £52.10

**Accommodation - £161.31**

Graffiti Hotel, Varna (12/03/12 and 13/03/12), 115.60 euro (£98.02 )

Metropolitan Hotel, Sofia (14/03/12)– £63.29

**Subsistence - £30.13**

13/03/2012 – drink - £1.43

14/03/2012 – bus to event/school - £12.72

14/03/2012 – meal – £14.25

15/03/2012 – drink - £1.73



## **Total cost - £370.10**

Migration Yorkshire (Leeds City Council) have met the above costs and will also be paying for the costs for the travel to Manchester airport and back when the final invoice is received.

### **2. Please provide copies of any hospitality declarations made by Councillor Roger Stone in relation to this particular visit.**

There were no hospitality declarations made by Councillor Roger Stone to Migration Yorkshire. We would not expect to receive a declaration from another authority.

### **3. Please provide specific details of the accommodation venue, and specific details of the reason for the visit, and any post-visit reports relating to the visit on which Councillor Roger Stone was engaged.**

#### **Accommodation venue**

Councillor Roger Stone stayed in the Graffiti hotel, Varna on recommendation from Bulgarian project partners. [http://graffithotel.com/en/hotel/index/hotel\\_identity/](http://graffithotel.com/en/hotel/index/hotel_identity/)

Councillor Roger Stone stayed in Metropolitan hotel, Sofia on the way back. This hotel was recommended by Bulgarian project partners. <http://metropolitanhotelsofia.com>

#### **Reasons for the visit**

The reason for the visit was for Local Authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber region to work in partnership and learn about experiences of working with Roma from regional and local governments in Bulgaria. This is part of Migration Yorkshire's 'Roma SOURCE' project.

#### **Post-visit reports**

No specific post-visit reports have been produced

### **4. Will Migration Yorkshire at Leeds City Council be reimbursing fuel costs and driver staff costs to Rotherham MBC for the use by RMBC Councillor Roger Stone of RMBC statutory vehicle, BMW saloon registration number YM08DZP used to convey him and Councillor Olivia Marie Rowley, Wakefield MDC to Manchester Airport on Migration Yorkshire business? And if not please explain why not.**

All costs will be reimbursed by Migration Yorkshire, Leeds City Council.



If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Leeds City Council  
PO Box 657  
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The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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